Horticulture Development in Uttaranchal

†1777. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4663, given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th May, 2002 and state:

(a) which is the agency disgnated in Uttaranchal under the Central Sector Scheme on Integrated Development of Horticulture in Tribal/Hilly areas and the number of beneficiaries on the amount of Rs. 178.80 lakh granted under that scheme; and

(b) the amount proposed under this scheme for Uttaranchal during 2002-2003 and the number of persons likely to be benefited from the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The State Designated Agency referred to in answer to Unstarred Question No. 4663 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th May, 2002, for implementing the Central Sector Scheme on Integrated Development of Horticulture in Tribal/Hilly Areas in Almora district of Uttaranchal, is Centre for Development Studies, Nainital. During 2001-2002 an amount of 178.80 lakh was released to the Centre for Development Studies for implementing the sanctioned project in Almora district. About 33825 agriculture families of 95 agriculture groups in 3 Panchayat development areas have been benefited.

(b) The scheme is implemented in the form of district level projects. The Centre for Development Studies have been requested to submit district project for implementation in Almora district during Tenth Plan including 2002-2003, alongwith benefits that would accrue under the Project and the expected number of beneficiaries.

Import of breedable animals by A.P.

1778. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has imported some animals from Australia for improving the quality of breedable animals and the animals are stranded at quarantine station in Chennai;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Agriculture has not

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given its clearance to release the animals to Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in giving permission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Since, the Australian authorities failed to satisfy the Quarantine and Health requirements specified by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, the animals could not be released from the Quarantine Station, Chennai.

Starvation in Orissa

†1779. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that whole of the Orissa is passing through a phase of frightening starvation and the benefit of none of the schemes, run by Government, has reached the people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) As on 24th July, 2002, out of 28 districts of the State, 1 had scanty and 20 had deficient rainfall in Orissa. While the situation gives cause for serious concern and careful contingent planning, there is no report suggesting a phase of acute distress. Similarly, while there may be room for improvement in implementation of development schemes in the State, it will neither be correct nor fair to consider that these have failed to result in benefits to the State.

Increasing the poultry production

1780. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to double poultry production in the country;

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